

**To:** Breneman, Sara[breneman.sara@epa.gov]  
**From:** Smith, Molly  
**Sent:** Tue 8/15/2017 8:05:30 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Sen. Durbin inquiry --FW: S.H. Bell Chicago Manganese Emissions

Should we share with Ed? He asked to stay in the loop. I can just forward the meeting invite once it's sent around.

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**From:** Breneman, Sara  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 15, 2017 3:04 PM  
**To:** Smith, Molly <Smith.Molly@epa.gov>; Fortin, Denise <Fortin.Denise@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Marshall, Sarah <marshall.sarah@epa.gov>; Beckmann, Ronna Erin <beckmann.ronna@epa.gov>; Coughlin, Justin <coughlin.justin@epa.gov>  
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And me.

**From:** Smith, Molly  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 15, 2017 3:00 PM  
**To:** Fortin, Denise <[Fortin.Denise@epa.gov](mailto:Fortin.Denise@epa.gov)>; Breneman, Sara <[breneman.sara@epa.gov](mailto:breneman.sara@epa.gov)>  
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Denise –

10:30 AM CST works for both Justin and me. Thank you.

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**From:** Fortin, Denise

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 15, 2017 2:49 PM

**To:** Breneman, Sara <[breneman.sara@epa.gov](mailto:breneman.sara@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Smith, Molly <[Smith.Molly@epa.gov](mailto:Smith.Molly@epa.gov)>; Marshall, Sarah <[marshall.sarah@epa.gov](mailto:marshall.sarah@epa.gov)>;

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Sorry, the new proposed time is 10:30 a.m. Central. Does that work?

Denise Fortin

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**From:** Fortin, Denise

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 15, 2017 2:21 PM

**To:** Breneman, Sara <[breneman.sara@epa.gov](mailto:breneman.sara@epa.gov)>

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Yes, the Senator's staff is available all day Thursday, so we can set the time.

I'm thinking 9 a.m. Central is best given my best knowledge of Ronna's schedule. (I'm out and she's back that day.) Does that work for ARD? I'm copying Ronna, too, before I confirm with Caitlyn.

Thanks.

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**From:** Breneman, Sara

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 15, 2017 1:41 PM

**To:** Fortin, Denise <[Fortin.Denise@epa.gov](mailto:Fortin.Denise@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Smith, Molly <[Smith.Molly@epa.gov](mailto:Smith.Molly@epa.gov)>

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Denise,

Could we make it Thursday?

Thanks,

Sara

**From:** Nam, Ed

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 15, 2017 12:53 PM

**To:** Smith, Molly <[Smith.Molly@epa.gov](mailto:Smith.Molly@epa.gov)>; Marshall, Sarah <[marshall.sarah@epa.gov](mailto:marshall.sarah@epa.gov)>

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Ok, I will leave this in your capable hands now. I am on leave on Friday, but go ahead without me then. Can one of you please respond to Denise then?

Thanks,

-Ed

**From:** Smith, Molly

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 15, 2017 12:41 PM

**To:** Nam, Ed <[nam.ed@epa.gov](mailto:nam.ed@epa.gov)>; Marshall, Sarah <[marshall.sarah@epa.gov](mailto:marshall.sarah@epa.gov)>

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Ed –

Thank you. I had not seen the email. I am actually going to SH Bell and other southeast Chicago facilities tomorrow with Patrick Miller, George Bollweg, and the City of Chicago inspector. Is there a way we could schedule this call for Thursday or Friday? If not it would have to be later in the day, when we've returned. I'm also not sure how detailed a discussion they would like to have about the meteorological data, but we could loop in Justin Coughlin, if available, since he has been working on developing our supporting wind and pollution roses.

Sarah, have you already been coordinating with Denise? If not, I can.

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**From:** Nam, Ed

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 15, 2017 11:46 AM

**To:** Marshall, Sarah <[marshall.sarah@epa.gov](mailto:marshall.sarah@epa.gov)>; Smith, Molly <[Smith.Molly@epa.gov](mailto:Smith.Molly@epa.gov)>

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Sarah, Molly,

You may have already gotten this request. I would like to sit in on the call (and calls like this) if possible.

Thanks,

-Ed

**From:** Fortin, Denise

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 15, 2017 11:14 AM

**To:** Frank, Nathan <[frank.nathan@epa.gov](mailto:frank.nathan@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Furey, Eileen <[furey.eileen@epa.gov](mailto:furey.eileen@epa.gov)>; Nam, Ed <[nam.ed@epa.gov](mailto:nam.ed@epa.gov)>; Beckmann, Ronna Erin <[beckmann.ronna@epa.gov](mailto:beckmann.ronna@epa.gov)>

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Hey Nathan:

Please see the email below from Sen. Durbin's staff.

Can you suggest the best person to do a call with them tomorrow?

Thanks,

Denise

Denise Fortin

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "McGuire, Caitlyn (Durbin)" <Caitlyn\_McGuire@durbin.senate.gov>  
**Date:** August 15, 2017 at 7:19:19 AM PDT  
**To:** "Beckmann, Ronna Erin" <beckmann.ronna@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** "Hunt, Jasmine (Durbin)" <Jasmine\_Hunt@durbin.senate.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: S.H. Bell Chicago Manganese Emissions

Hello Ronna,

Thank you for notifying us about the S.H. Bell facility. Would it be possible for someone in your Air Division arrange a call with us to walk us through the data obtained from this site? I would particularly like a better understanding of how to read the meteorological data.

Thank you,

Caitlyn

**From:** Beckmann, Ronna Erin [mailto:beckmann.ronna@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 07, 2017 1:39 PM  
**Subject:** S.H. Bell Chicago Manganese Emissions

This email is to inform you that EPA has found manganese levels that exceed the health-based screening level at the S.H. Bell facility in Chicago. Four months of PM10 metals air monitoring data from the S.H. Bell facility for March 1, 2017, through June 30, 2017, show an average concentration of 0.32 ug/m3 of manganese. The Minimal Risk Level for chronic inhalation exposure to manganese is 0.3 ug/m3. EPA has reached out to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, the City of Chicago and community groups to notify them of the levels and coordinate a response. EPA is committed to protecting public health by ensuring S.H. Bell complies with the Clean Air Act. The data can be found here: <https://www.epa.gov/il/sh-bell-chicago-air->

monitoring-data.

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